



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

Pipeline and  
Hazardous Materials  
Safety Administration

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**COMPETENT AUTHORITY CERTIFICATION FOR A  
TYPE FISSILE  
RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS PACKAGE DESIGN  
CERTIFICATE USA/9329/AF-96, REVISION 6**

The Competent Authority of the United States certifies that the radioactive material package design described in this certificate satisfies the regulatory requirements for a Type AF package for fissile material as prescribed in the regulations of the International Atomic Energy Agency<sup>1</sup> and the United States of America<sup>2</sup> The package design is approved for use within the United States for import and export shipments made in accordance with applicable international and domestic transport regulations.

1. Package Identification - Model No. S300.
2. Package Description and Authorized Radioactive Contents - as described in U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Certificate of Compliance No. 9329, Revision 6 (attached).
3. Criticality - The minimum criticality safety index is as assigned in the NRC Certificate of Compliance. The maximum number of packages per conveyance is determined in accordance with Table 11 of the IAEA regulations cited in this certificate.
4. General Conditions -
  - a. Each user of this certificate must have in his possession a copy of this certificate and all documents necessary to properly prepare the package for transportation. The user shall prepare the package for shipment in accordance with the documentation and applicable regulations.
  - b. Each user of this certificate, other than the original petitioner, shall register his identity in writing to the Office of Engineering and Research, (PHH-23), Pipeline and Hazardous

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<sup>1</sup> "Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material, 2012 Edition, No. SSR-6" published by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Vienna, Austria.

<sup>2</sup> Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 100-199, United States of America.

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Transportation, Washington D.C. 20590-0001.

- c. This certificate does not relieve any consignor or carrier from compliance with any requirement of the Government of any country through or into which the package is to be transported.
- d. This certificate provides no relief from the limitations for transportation of plutonium by air in the United States as cited in the regulations of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 10 CFR 71.88.
- e. Records of Management System activities required by Paragraph 306 of the IAEA regulations<sup>1</sup> shall be maintained and made available to the authorized officials for at least three years after the last shipment authorized by this certificate. Consignors in the United States exporting shipments under this certificate shall satisfy the applicable requirements of Subpart H of 10 CFR 71.

5. Special Conditions -

- a. Prior to each shipment, the package must be inspected to ensure that the packaging is conspicuously and durably marked with its model number, serial number, gross weight and package identification number.
- b. Transport by air is not authorized.

6. Marking and Labeling - The package shall bear the marking USA/9329/AF-96 in addition to other required markings and labeling.

7. Expiration Date - This certificate expires on January 31, 2027. Previous editions which have not reached their expiration date may continue to be used.

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This certificate is issued in accordance with paragraph(s) 816 of the IAEA Regulations and Section 173.471 and 173.472 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, in response to the February 2, 2022 petition by National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, Albuquerque, NM, and in consideration of other information on file in this Office.

Certified By:



February 15, 2022

(DATE)

 William Schoonover  
Associate Administrator for Hazardous  
Materials Safety

Revision 6 - Issued to endorse U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Certificate of Compliance No. 9329, Revision 6.

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2. PREAMBLE

- a. This certificate is issued to certify that the package (packaging and contents) described in Item 5 below meets the applicable safety standards set forth in Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 71, "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material."
- b. This certificate does not relieve the consignor from compliance with any requirement of the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation or other applicable regulatory agencies, including the government of any country through or into which the package will be transported.

3. THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED ON THE BASIS OF A SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT OF THE PACKAGE DESIGN OR APPLICATION

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| a. ISSUED TO ( <i>Name and Address</i> )<br>National Nuclear Security Administration<br>P.O. Box 5400<br>Albuquerque, NM 87185 | b. TITLE AND IDENTIFICATION OF REPORT OR APPLICATION<br>Los Alamos National Laboratory<br>Application, "S300 Fissile Material Package, Safety<br>Analysis Report," Revision No. 5, June 2010,<br>as supplemented. |
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4. CONDITIONS

This certificate is conditional upon fulfilling the requirements of 10 CFR Part 71, as applicable, and the conditions specified below.

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a. Packaging

(1) Model No.: S300

(2) Description

The Model No. S300 package is a cylindrical container that is approximately 89 centimeters (35 inches) in overall height and 60 centimeters (23 inches) in overall diameter. The Model No. S300 is comprised of an overpack, pipe component, and a shielding insert. The Model No. S300 is designed to transport a single special form capsule (SFC). The maximum gross weight of the package is 217.7 kilograms (480 lbs).

The overpack design utilizes a standard 55-gallon drum as the outer container. A standard bolted clamping ring secures the drum lid to the drum body. Within the drum body is a rigid polyethylene liner (body and lid). Lid liner and lid are pierced and the drum lid is fitted with a filter vent. Within the liner is cane fiberboard dunnage and a sheet of plywood to provide shock absorption for the pipe component.

The pipe component consists of a stainless steel cylindrical pipe welded to a stainless steel flat cap at the bottom end and a bolted pipe flange at the other end. The pipe component is closed with a stainless steel flat lid attached to the flange with 12 stainless steel bolts. A filter vent is installed in the lid. The flange-to-lid seal is either a butyl or ethylene propylene elastomeric o-ring.

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5. a. Packaging (continued)

(2) Description (continued)

The shielding insert is located within the pipe component. The shielding insert is made from solid high density polyethylene plastic. Within the shielding insert is a cylindrical opening sized to accommodate the SFC.

(3) Drawings

The packaging is constructed in accordance with AREVA Drawing No. 60999-SAR, sheets 1 through 3, Revision 1, S300 Packaging SAR Drawing.

b. Contents

(1) Type and form material

Content No. 1: Plutonium-Beryllium ( $\alpha,n$ ) neutron sources (not to exceed  $1.519E+5$  neutrons/second per gram of plutonium), or plutonium-based ( $\alpha,n$ ) neutron sources.

Content No. 2: Plutonium, other than neutron sources with ( $\alpha,n$ ) target material, in solid form.

Content Nos. 1 and 2 must meet the requirements of special form sources and are limited to:

- (a) The Model II source capsule - IAEA Certificate of Competent Authority Special Form Radioactive Materials Certificate Number USA/0696/S-96, issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), assembled in accordance with AEA Technology QSA, Inc., Drawing No. R20047, Rev. B, or LANL Drawing No. 90Y-219998, Rev. H.
- (b) The Model III source capsule - IAEA Certificate of Competent Authority Special Form Radioactive Materials Certificate Number USA/0695/S-96, issued by the DOT, assembled in accordance with AEA Technology QSA, Inc., Drawing No. R20048, Rev. B, or LANL Drawing No. 90Y-220045, Rev. A.

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5. b. Contents (continued)

(2) Maximum quantity of material per package:

One source capsule, containing a maximum quantity of fissile plutonium (Pu-239 plus Pu-241) as shown below.

	Non-Exclusive Use Shipment		Exclusive Use Shipment	
	Model II	Model III	Model II	Model III
<b>Content No. 1</b>	206 grams fissile plutonium	160 grams fissile plutonium	350 grams fissile plutonium	160 grams fissile plutonium
<b>Content No. 2</b>	300 grams plutonium	160 grams plutonium	300 grams plutonium	160 grams plutonium

Source capsule may contain radionuclides listed below within the ranges shown.

Radionuclide	Percentage of total plutonium mass
Pu-238	0 – 0.5%
Pu-239	73 – 97%
Pu-240	3 – 21%
Pu-241	0 – 3%
Pu-242	0 – 2%
Am-241	0 – 2.5%

Total quantity of radioactive material within a package may not exceed a Type A quantity.

c. Criticality Safety Index

Content No. 1 0.3

Content No. 2 4.0

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7. In addition to the requirements of Subpart G of 10 CFR Part 71:Have
- a. Each package shall be prepared for shipment and operated in accordance with the "Package Operations," in Chapter 7 of the application.
  - b. Each package shall be tested and maintained in accordance with the "Acceptance Tests and Maintenance Program," in Chapter 8 of the application.
8. Prior to each shipment, the package must be inspected to ensure the packaging is conspicuously and durably marked with its model number, serial number, gross weight, and package identification number, USA/9329/AF-96.
9. The package authorized by this certificate is hereby approved for use under the general license provisions of 10 CFR 71.17.
10. Revision No. 5 of this certificate may be used until January 31, 2023.
11. Expiration date: January 31, 2027.

REFERENCES

Los Alamos National Laboratory Application, "S300 Fissile Material Package, Safety Analysis Report," Revision No. 5, June 2010.

Supplemented on: September 22 and October 14, 2016, and December 14, 2021.

FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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